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Publication of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers

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CRIME WAVE ALARMS HILL

Aroused dwellers have recently gathered in a series of meetings to organize against a rash of burglaries that has swept the Hill, particularly on the east side. Several elderly persons have been bound and gagged and many others have been disturbed by the depredations of the desperadoes. In the area bounded approximately by Kearny, Bay, Sansome, and Vallejo there were reported this year in July, August and September 333 major crimes including 13 robberies, 62 burglaries and 24 auto thefts.

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Some problems peculiar to Telegraph Hill: difficulty of access, number of byways and lanes, and the thick foliage and trees which give criminals cover.

SPECIAL ADVICE: Be especially watchful in afternoons - most crimes occur then. Also, over half of the burglaries in the last four months occurred only two days of the week -- Tuesday and Wednesday.

DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECTS

Descriptions of suspects for crimes committed from October 8 to 18 on the East side of the Hill:

1. White man, 20 years old, 5'7", 130 lbs., light brown hair, slight build, bad complexion, tattoo on right hand - circle, black on the outside with red inside
2. White man, 20's, slim build, brown hair
3. White man 20, 5'8", 140 lbs., brown shoulder length hair, moustache, glasses.
4. Oriental man 16, 5'5", 130 lbs., thin build, black collar-length hair.
5. Chicano man 25, 5'9", 150 lbs., dark blue 3/4 length shirtcoat.

WHO TO REPORT TO

1. Police Emergency Number - 552-1023
2. Police Anonymous Witness line - 553-1396
3. Police (Central Station and non-emergency calls)553-9111
4. Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center - Volunteer Maryanne Otsea will relay calls to police - 421-6443
5. SAFE Program (for information on crime prevention, anti-crime neighborhood organizing) call Deanne Lee, Area Coordinator, at 950 Stockton, Room 416, SF 94108 (391-0334 10-5 daily)
6. Police - Community Relations meeting every third Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Central Station, 766 Vallejo Street. For information call Central Station 553-9111 or Anya Malkahalvi at 397-3333 ext. 8353. (Note: Next meeting Thursday, November 15 at Alexander Hotel, 230 Eddy Street)
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BULLETIN!
CRIME COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Distress with the police a[illegible] political response so far [illegible] the local crime wave (see pp. 1-5) was voiced by members of the Telegraph Hill Ad Hoc Crime Committee Nov. 5. The members felt the police have not adequately answered the questions put to them at the meeting at Sally Tooley's, nor have the politicians, with the exception of Sup. Molinari, responded at all to our written request for support.

The most urgent need is for foot patrols on the Filbert, Greenwich, and Vallejo Steps. A letter will be sent to the Mayor, Quentin Kopp, Chief Gain, Capt. D'Arcy of Central Station, Police Commission, and DA candidates, with copies to the papers, demanding foot patrols.

The Crime Committee will next meet Dec. 5 (open to all), and both the Mayor and Kopp will be invited. Most importantly, the Committee will have a plan for a local foot patrol to make secure the affected areas (with full publicity), if the police and political responses continue to be inadequate.

BURGLARY DO'S AND DON'TS - ADVICE TO RESIDENTS

DO: Know your neighbors - talk to them, get together and plan
Keep watch
Insist police record reports of crimes
Install deadbolt locks
Leave on outside lights at night
Report any suspicious behavior by strangers
Get descriptions, car makes, license numbers, etc of suspicious types
Carry camera - take pictures of suspicious types (if safe)
Call Police(553-0123) or Volunteer (421-6443)

DON'T: Leave accessible doors and windows open (up to 24' above street level)
DON'T: Open doors to strangers
DON'T: Leave ladders around
DON'T: Rush outside for commotion - may be a trap
DON'T: Ignore barking dog
DON'T: Let newspapers and mail accumulate if you're away

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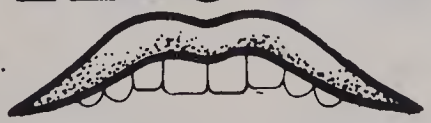

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PIER 39 LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT RUSHED THROUGH IN SECRECY

After much fanfare, the City's lawsuit against Pier 39 was settled on secret terms by the Port and the Board of Supervisors. According to press leaks, Pier 39 received a lease extension from 60 to 65 years, additional underwater rights, continued use of a portion of Pier 35, no rent increase till 1982, and the privilege to pay its financial backers before paying anything to our impoverished Port! (The City will charge only 10% interest on any deferred rental -- with the prime rate now at 15½%.)

And what will the City receive in return? $500,000 rent per year (instead of $375,000) plus a percentage of the gross receipts, starting in 1984...IF Pier 39 has no other debts.

And the promised Northpoint Park? Way off in the future (if we are lucky). In the meantime, Pier 39 still reaps parking fees from cars parked on the land between Piers 39 and 35, zoned Open Space.

How was this amazing "settlement" won from the "City That Knows How"? By a replay of the old record "If you don't agree, we'll

lose our financing". Only Supervisors Molinari and Britt voted against the settlement. Mayor Feinstein affixed her signature while the ink was still wet.

While the Court did impose secrecy rules concerning details of the proposed settlement, a public hearing could and should have been held by the Port Commission and the Supervisors. This would have given the public a chance to present their independent views of what a fair settlement should include. It therefore remains to be seen whether the settlement is legal without proper public hearings.

Shortly after approval of the settlement, developer Simmons resigned as President and pleaded guilty to making illegal campaign contributions. According to the Examiner, principals on both sides denied that deals were made involving the settlement of the civil suit and the criminal charges.

The district attorney asked Judge Merrill to extend the term of the grand jury to continue its investigation of other allegations concerning Pier 39. However, this request was denied and the jury terminated.

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SPOTLIGHT ON TV FILMING

Filming of a street scene for a TV series sprouted at the corner of Green and Montgomery on Tuesday, October 30. Between 4 and 6 pm, three semis arrived and parked wherever they could, as no regular parking was pre-empted. A van arrived and disgorged a dozen workmen, then drove away. Floodlights of all sizes were powered from a generator truck. The motorcycle policeman directing traffic between 4 and 5 stated that all artifacts would be gone by 10 pm, finished or not.

At 8:30, the floodlights that had illuminated every facade from the upper corner to the Montgomery-Vallejo corner were turned off and the entire outfit began to pull out. An hour later they were all gone.

The van, stashing of semis, and leaving time are all procedures that take into account THD protes against excessive vehicles, displacement of residents' cars and late hour disturbances. We have heard one protest against the lights, but none from behind the facades directly lit.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 4

drinks at 6, dinner at 7

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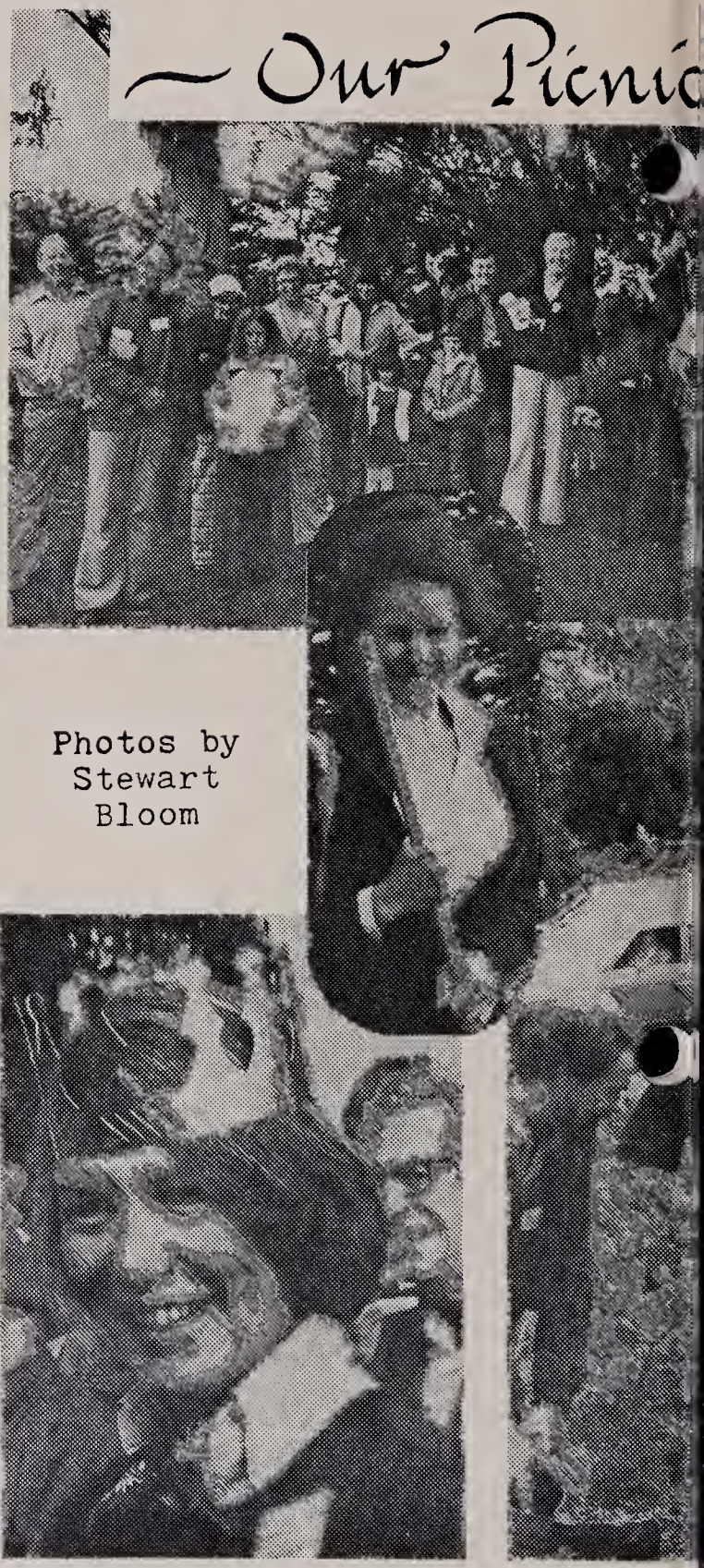
~ Our Picnic

Overcast and drizzle gave way to cheerful celebration of Anne Halsted's Tree Day and auction at the Fifth Annual picnic at Coit Tower Saturday, October 20. The damp picnickers at Pioneer Park dedicated an 8-foot Pissardi flowering plum tree in honor of Anne's two years as President of THD. Tributes by her friends and admirers included Senator Milton Marks, who presented a Certificate of Recognition "to a distinguished citizen for her unselfish service to her community and for the environment and open space."



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MC David Dibble recognized Tim Lillyquist of the Rec & Park Department for his special arrangements from tree planting to auction, with an honorary membership. Nan Roth crowned Anne for for the day and presented a golden shovel festooned with ribbons and chrysanthemums. Roger Boyer completed the dedication he began at the Election Night dinner in April when he presented Anne with the "Mayor of Telegraph Hill" watering can and promise of a tree. With that, down the hillside the planting party went to the site where the tree will be protected from the wind and enjoyed for at least 50 years from as far away as

Auction

the Montgomery Street Halsted residence.

Several past THD officers praised Anne's capable leadership and untiring efforts on our behalf. Bob Katz recalled her first triumph, the redesignation of the North Point Sewage Plant to publicly-zoned from commercially-zoned.

In the muralled halls of the Tower, President of the Board of Supervisors John Molinari presided as auctioneer extraordinaire for 2½ hours. It was a resounding success, netting almost $2000 for fifty items. Guided tours by author David Myrick, Planning Commissioner Charles Starbuck, and "impassioned oratory" by Toby Bloxam, luncheons at Mildred Pierce's, 434 Pacific and the Crow's Nest, a Chinese dinner from David Dibble's own wok,

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Mayor Dianne Feinstein took over from Molinari to auction off one of her famous silk bow tied blouses, which drew $60 in a fury of bidding. The highest bid of the afternoon was $125 for writer Frances Moffat's four hours of public relations consultation. Dr. Stanley Burton, well-known THD Director and wine conoisseur, donated his expertise as a "sommelier", complete with a selection of imported wines, which fetched $80. Ruth Burton's accompanying flower arrangements netted another $20.

Organizers Katherine Koelsch with Herb Kosovitz, Nan Roth, Bill Varcoe and Ron Vehlow, deserve many kudos, along with local merchants who donated the wine. The next time you're dining at Guido's, Fior d'Italia, La Contadina, Mildred Pierce's, North Beach Restaurant, or Washington Square Bar & Grill or shopping at Coit Liquors, be sure to thank them for their continued support of THD.

CHINESE COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

The founders of the Chinese Community Housing Corporation (CCHC) had some very important objectives in mind. If the neighborhood were to be preserved and improved, this was going to be done by those who live and work in the area. Housing production had to be sensitive to unique cultural and ethnic concerns, and done by those who lived in the neighborhood. This is not unlike some of THD's own goals.

THD supported funding of this new neighborhood organization through the Mayor's Community Development to develop and improve housing in the North Beach/Chinatown area. Loans for low and moderate income homeowners for rehabilitation will also be available.

The initial push for a non-profit neighborhood housing corporation came from the Chinatown Coalition for Better Housing, formed in 1972. One of the Coalition's member groups, the Chinatown Neighborhood Improvement Resource Center (CNIRC), established the Housing Corp. by recruiting the Board of Directors, securing a contract with Community Development, starting preliminary

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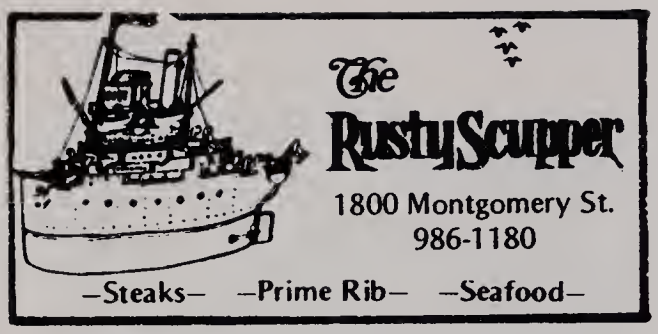

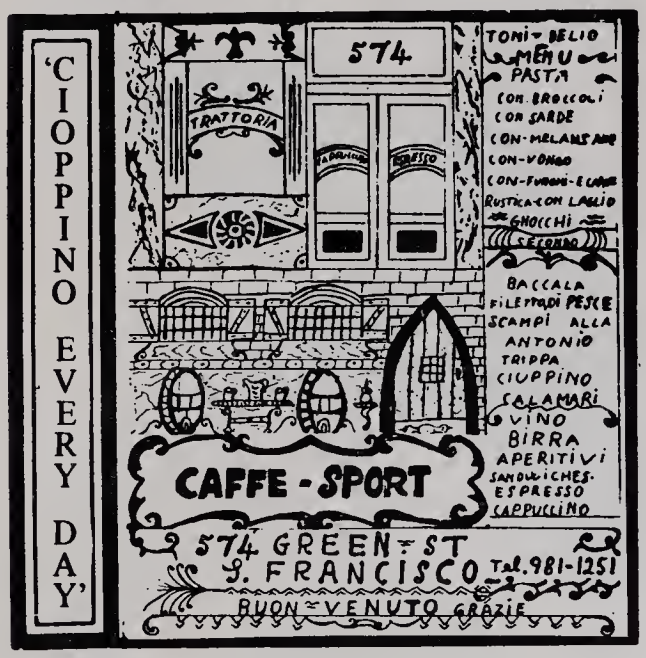

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There are other problems, too. Machines cannot clean dead-end alleys and have difficulty handling the steepest grades.

Any suggestions you can give, please write or phone:

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IL BALCONE GALLERY

Children are the theme this month at 478 Green Street. An exhibition of works of art by San Francisco children and original signed prints by boxing champion Muhammad Ali will be on display from November 18 through December 31. A Gala Opening Celebration will take place Sunday, November 18, 1-4 p.m. $2 admission/children free. All proceeds benefit the Children's Cancer Program at Presbyterian Hospital.

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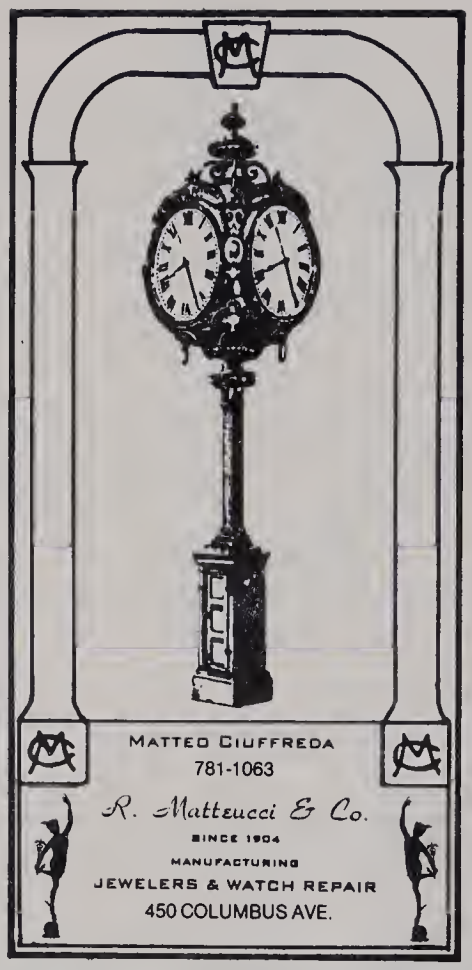

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project plans, and hiring staff. CCHC began functioning with a full staff last summer.

Contact: Steve Parliment
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MOLINARI ON CRIME SITUATION

Saying, "I'm just an element in solving it", Supervisor Molinari put in an appearance at the recent meeting of over 40 people at Sally Tooley's, even though his family was celebrating his father's seventieth birthday at the same time. Molinari promised to work with the Mayor and City Hall to alleviate the crime problem. Molinari highly recommended that citizens take advantage of the SAFE program. He said that the SAFE program is "not just pie in the sky - it's a good plan and it works - it's neighbors helping neighbors". When asked specific questions such as whether he could get a patrolman assigned to the Greenwich-Filbert Steps, the Supervisor said he could only support police opinion on matters of detail.

Molinari blamed judges appointed by Jerry Brown for excessive lenience towards criminals.

MOTIONS PASSED
BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sept. 26, 1979

PIER 39: To call on the Mayor and all concerned agencies to insure the speedy completion of the long overdue Northpoint Park and ask specifically for the following:

1. Disallow immediately all Pier 39 parking on the waterfront area designated as park between Pier 39 and 35. Make this area accessible to the public without delay.

2. Ask for an accounting of all parking fees heretofore collected by Pier 39 on land designated as a public park. After auditing these figures, take the necessary action to transfer a corresponding amount from Pier 39 to the City's Open Space Fund.

3. Disallow all harassment of the Crow's Nest, which should be allowed the undisturbed exercise of such rights it currently enjoys.

4. Prevail on the Port to enforce Article 12 of its lease with Pier 39, which states that "lessee shall also grade, pave, landscape, and maintain the premises in such fashion as to serve the needs of the premises and

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enhance the appearance of the premises".

5. Disallow offensive advertising signs, ticket offices, etc. in the entire park area between Piers 41-35.

6. Use the Mayor's leadership and prestige to speed up the long overdue completion of Northpoint Park for use by the public.

DUES: To charge the following membership dues: April to October $8; January to April $4.

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"You-all come now" hand-distributed invitations brought out a couple of hundred or so neighbors and friends on Sunday, Oct. 7 to inaugurate the Vallejo Steps Park.

Originally, it was cemented over to make a beer can roll for late-night stragglers from the Broadway strip. Now it's a landscaped esplanade, with well-lighted steps and landings zig-zagging across its middle. Greenery is already poking through the temporary jute hairnet holding the soil in place.

Fourteen years ago, block resident Rod Freebairn-Smith suggested to Mayor Alioto that this no man's land could be beautiful. This netted him no action whatever. He persisted, and 5 years ago formed the 400 Vallejo Block Committee to nag the DPW, Art Commission, et al. His architectural planning firm, together with the Committee, came up with an inspired series of designs for the park. Eventually there were mutual compromises between them and the authorities.

Allan Jacobs, then City Planning Director, and Sup. John Molinari came to the rescue when funding weakened. Dwellers also rallied around, notably Bob Tibbits, Anne Halsted and Maggie Baylis. The project snagged a Bicentennial Year Award of $5000 from the City.

When Rod uncorked the champagne for the Sunday christening, his committee presented him with a newspaper headlined "ROD'S GREEN DREAM COMES TRUE".

Neighbors had hung balloons and a crimson banner. They brought provisions, including a chocolate spice cake in the shape of steps, complete with trees, duck pond and ducks. Residents opened up their stereos for dancing. Sup. Molinari came by and promised help to get more watering connections. Also present was contractor Frank Mock.

Side benefits from the new park: people are stopping to chat who before passed by with the standard metropolitan glazed look. And already they're asking, "When is the next party?"

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